

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Torrance, California,
February 19, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 19, 1924, and was called to order by President Gilbert at 7:00 P. M. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert. Absent: Smith.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 1924, were read and approved as read.

The regular order of business was dispensed with to take up the matter of hearing of protests against the issuance of bonds to pay the unpaid assessments on the Amapola district paving.

No protests were filed or voiced.

A communication, with blue print attached, from the County Surveyor, was read by the Clerk, same asking approval of a Map #7506 of a subdivision lying within three miles of the exterior boundary of the City.

As above Map had been O.K-d by the City Engineer, Trustee Proctor moved that same be approved. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A second communication from the same source asking for approval of Map #7825 of a subdivision lying within three miles of the exterior boundary of the City, was read. The attached blue print was scrutinized and had already been recommended for approval by the City Engineer.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Map #7825 be approved, Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Under the head of Oral communications, Mr. Fleaser, of the Standard Oil Co., presented plans and specifications for the intended erection of a service station on the corner of Carson and Cabrillo, explaining that they wanted to locate as near the Carson side as possible in order to give more room for trucks with trailers to turn north on Carson and cross the P. E. tracks. The City Engineer maintained that by moving back 5 feet a truck and trailer could better be accommodated and leave the sidewalk open for pedestrians.

Trustee Proctor moved that the matter of location be turned over to the City Engineer and the Standard representative to fight out between themselves. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Engineer reported that the improvements in the Oil district were progressing satisfactorily; that foundation material had been placed on the old Redondo Road and that they were fixing up Cedar Street; also that rock was coming in.

The Booster pump removal and the Water main extension plans had not been fully worked out as yet.

Trustee Smith's report was read by Trustee Proctor and same has been filed in the office of the City Clerk. The action taken follows:

Trustee Proctor moved that 400 feet of 2½" guardian brand and 300 feet of 2½" D. J. Wawona brand be purchased at the price quoted -- \$1.00 per foot. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that the salary of the Chief of Police be increased from \$185.00 per month to \$225.00 per month, effective from the 1st of March, 1924. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that the salary of the City Recorder be increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per month, effective from the 1st of March, 1924. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Zeller moved that the scale for Patrolmen's salaries be adopted as specified in Trustee Smith's report. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Written communications were referred back to in order to present the following petition:

The Honorable Board of Trustees of Torrance:

"We the undersigned owners of Lots 1-2-3-4 and north half of Lot 5 in Block 107 Torrance Tract petition this Honorable Board to remove the fire restrictions on said Lots. Respectfully submitted this the 18th day of Feb. 1924.

Signed by six property owners.

The above matter was discussed to some extent, but no action taken.

At 8:00 P.M. written protests were called for against the paving of Western Avenue and a portion of El Prado.

The Clerk reported that no written protests had been received up to the above mentioned time, but a protest was handed in shortly thereafter, which same he proceeded to read, being interrupted, however, on the grounds that said protest was not received within the specified time. After some discussion, pro and con, Trustee Fitzhugh moved that this protest be accepted as having been received within the specified time. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

The Clerk was instructed to read the following protest:

"TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

The undersigned owners of property, or the beneficial interest in property, liable to be assessed and affected by and for said work, hereby make protest against the proposed work, and against the extent of the district to be assessed therefor, enumerated and described in that certain notice of improvement dated January 23, 1924, issued or caused to be issued and posted in various places in and about the City of Torrance by the superintendent of Streets of said City. Said protest is based upon the following grounds, to-wit:

1- That your said protestants believe and therefore allege that there is no basis in fact and in truth for the declaration of the said Board of Trustees contained in Section 3 of said notice of improvement to the effect that said contemplated work and improvement in the opinion of the Board of Trustees is of more than local and ordinary

Public benefit', but that said work and improvement is chiefly and primarily for the benefit of the owners of the property contiguous to the streets intended to be improved, and for the especial enhancement of their property, and to increase the value thereof; and these protestants believe and represent that such work and improvement should be done and completed in such manner that said owners of property contiguous to said streets to be improved shall bear at least one-half of the cost thereof for the apparent reason that they will receive the greatest benefit therefrom.

2- That it is contrary to the law in such cases made and provided for said Board of Trustees and/or the Superintendent of Streets to specify in said notice of improvement the type of pavement made and laid by the California Willite Road Construction Company, or to require said improvement to be made only by the use of said company's plastic composition license mixture; but that it is lawful that said improvement if accomplished at all to be done through a bid or bids obtained in and by competitive bidding.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. R. Steadman
Erna M. Taylor
by Lee R. Taylor
Lee R. Taylor
Frank Spoon
W. H. Dalglish
B. M. Coffman
Mrs. B. M. Coffman
Chas. Elman.

After the reading of the protest, Mr. Taylor stated that "there was nothing I could add which is not in the protest as our conclusions and views are lucidly stated therein; we are not against the paving of Western Avenue except that we protest against the assessment district as stated on the posters, and merely want to get our protest in so as to leave no stone unturned."

A discussion of the legal merits of the proposition followed, after which Attorney Briney dictated:

RESOLUTION NO. 162

WHEREAS, on the 19th of February, 1924, a written protest was filed by parties protesting against the work to be done under Resolution of Intention No. 161, and,

WHEREAS, it appears that said protest is made by owners of not to exceed 50 lots in the City of Torrance, and that the work described in said Resolution of Intention is required by public necessity and convenience, and that the persons making said protest represent not to exceed one per cent of the property in the assessment district,

THEREFORE, this Board of Trustees does hereby over-rule said protest.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 162 be adopted as dictated. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 163.
A RESOLUTION ORDERING WORK TO BE
DONE ON PORTIONS OF WESTERN AVE.
AND EL PRADO IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 163 be adopted as read, and same filed in the office of the City Clerk, Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 76
AMENDING NO. 20.

"The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance do ordain as follows:

Section 1.

Ordinance No. 20 of the City of Torrance is hereby amended by adding thereto the following, to be known as Section 5 b.

Section 5 b. It shall be unlawful for any person to propel, or cause to be propelled any vehicle on Arlington Avenue in the City of Torrance across the intersection of 220th Street with said Arlington Avenue between 7:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. on days which the Torrance Public School is in session without first bringing said vehicle to a stop within ten (10) feet of said intersection. And it shall be unlawful to propel, or cause to be propelled, any vehicle along said Arlington Avenue across its intersection with Carson Street at any time without first bringing said vehicle to a stop within ten (10) feet of said intersection.

A safety zone, twenty (20) feet wide, is hereby created extending across Carson Street southerly from the southeast corner of Lot 4 of Block 30, Torrance Tract, and it shall be unlawful for any person to propel, or cause to be propelled, any vehicle across said "Safety Zone" between 7:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. on days during which the Torrance Public School is in session, without first bringing such vehicle to a stop within ten (10) feet of such "Safety Zone".

Section 2.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passing of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the Torrance Herald, and thereafter same shall be in full force and effect. "

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 76 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk, Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES: Trustees: None
ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read

ORDINANCE NO. 77
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15 AND REPEALING NO. 39

"The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance do ordain as follows:

Section 1.

Section 1 of Ordinance No. 15 of the City of Torrance is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance shall in each calendar month hold two regular meetings for the conduct of the business of said Board. Said meetings shall be held on the FIRST and THIRD MONDAYS of each and every calendar month, in the south room of that certain building located on Lot 3, Block 1, of Torrance Tract, in the City of Torrance, State of California, which room shall be known as the Council Chamber, and during the months of October to March both inclusive, said meetings shall be called at seven o'clock P.M., and during the months of April to September, both inclusive, said meetings shall be called at eight o'clock P. M. When any regular meeting falls on a Holiday, said meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day thereafter. All meetings shall hold until duly adjourned whether same shall continue after twelve o'clock midnight or not.

Section 2.

Ordinance No. 39 is hereby repealed.

Section 3.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passing of this ordinance and cause the same to be published once in the Torrance Herald, and thereafter same shall be in full force and effect."

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 77 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 78. RE-CLASSIFYING PROPERTY.

Final action on above Ordinance was postponed until the next meeting.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 79 REGARDING HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 79 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 164

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE AND DEMAND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT AND THAT THE ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS, AND WILL BE, TOO GREAT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE ORDINARY ANNUAL INCOME AND REVENUE OF SAID CITY

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 164 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES: Trustees: None.
ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for election officers. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
 NOES: Trustees: None.
 ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

President Gilbert complained about the condition of the street along Plaza del Amo from Arlington west. The City Engineer advised that they were working on that street at the present time.

Attorney Briney dictated:
 RESOLUTION NO. 165

RESOLVED that the assessment map covering the Martina-Manuel district, as submitted by the City Engineer, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 165 be adopted as dictated, and a copy of same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
 NOES: Trustees: None.
 ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
 NOES: Trustees: None.
 ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

At 9:00 P. M. Trustee Proctor moved to adjourn until 7:30 P.M. Monday Feby. 25, 1924. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Bauried
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
 President of the Board of Trustees of
 the City of Torrance.